



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 426

By Representative Rich

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joel Anthony "Tony" Pace of Moscow.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joel Anthony Pace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Joel Anthony Pace was born March 2, 1948, in Selmer, Tennessee, and was educated in the Memphis City school system; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Mr. Pace bravely served his country with honor in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Joel Anthony Pace was joined in holy matrimony with Rebecca Smithmier on May 21, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace worked tirelessly to establish a brighter future for the good people of Fayette County by using his impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity to serve as the Chief of Police for Moscow for thirteen years before his retirement in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace also served with acumen and alacrity for many years as a judge for Fayette County and as a mentor to other law enforcement officers in Fayette County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, a courageous professional dedicated to his field, Tony Pace was a member of numerous law enforcement organizations, including the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pace was preceded in death by his parents, Emma Kathryn Bond Pace and Joseph Sylvester Pace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca, and his three sons, Joel Woodford, Christopher Pace, and Glen A. Pace, Sr., the husband of Christy Pace, whom he considered a beloved daughter-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace will also be sorely missed by his sister, Cathy Matthews, the wife of Buddy Matthews, and his three brothers, George A. Pace, the husband of Reene' Pace; Mike Pace, the husband of Cindy Pace; and Terry Pace, the husband of Mickey Pace; and

WHEREAS, Tony Pace's legacy will also be remembered by his beloved grandchildren, Matthew, Heather, and Glen Allen "Boo" Pace, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, a man of strong Christian faith who adored his grandchildren and family, Chief Pace's favorite pastimes included hunting, yard work, and fellowship with friends at area casinos; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joel Anthony Pace, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Tony Pace.

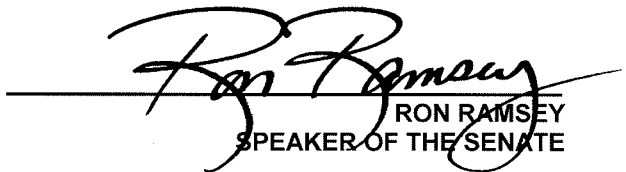
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 18, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR